GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:498
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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN RICE EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to encourage private sector participation in export of rice, keeping in view the huge stock of rice in various States including Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) If so, the incentives proposed to be given including subsidy?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.498 ANSWER ON 20.4.2001 REGARDING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN RICE EXPORT.

(a) & (b) : As per EXIM Policy, export of rice (basmati & non-basmati rice) are allowed freely subject to registration of contracts with Agricultural Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.In addition, for the year 2000-2001 the Government had also permitted export of 20 lakh MT of rice out of stocks held by FCI for the Central Pool.Some of the other incentives being provided, inter-alia, to exporters including exporters of rice include:-

(a) Supply of product samples for the purpose of test marketing, product information and market promotion - Cost of samples or freight or both to be decided on case to case basis subject to a ceiling of Rs.50,000 per beneficiary.

(b) Publicity and promotion in preparation of product literature and publicity material - 40% of the cost subject to a ceiling of Rs.2 lakhs per beneficiary

(c) Brand publicity through advertisement- 40% of the cost subject to a ceiling of Rs.1 lakh per beneficiary

(d) Market Development Assistance

(e) Grant of an EPCG Licence for import of capital goods related to Agriculture at a concessional customs duty of 5%.

(f) Grant of an advance licence which entitles to duty free inputs for the export of agricultural products as per the Standard Input Output Norms.

(g) The agricultural sector can also undertake exports under the EOU/EPZ/SEZ scheme.